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Dear Joshua:

I learned Saturday of your appointment to the Presidency of Rockefeller University. As you must know, I hold this Institution and its stable dedication to excellence in highest respect and though I played but a minor part in your career I hold you in equally great respect.

I ought write you a much longer letter, but I will come and see you when you are on York and 66th. Right now I am putting the last touches on a trip to Leningrad where I shall be for several months and simultaneously trying to put down solid evidence that the terminal stages of genetic expression are in part at least controlled by genomically controlled sugar residues. The full proof is going to be some time after me before coming, but we have got almost enough "hot" evidence.

Cordially yours,

W. Gordon Whaley  
Ashbel Smith Professor  
of Cellular Biology

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Dear Gordon -  
Why thank you. Not so much, you know! You gave  
extraordinary encouragement to a dangerous undergraduate  
who wanted to take your graduate courses without being done the  
prerequisites! I look forward to seeing you after I move this  
fall.  
Sincerely,  
Joshua.